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Spots on CANDISC Bike Ride Still Available

(Garrison)—Space is still available for those interested in riding in this summer's CANDISC, North Dakota's 12th annual bike ride across North Dakota. The week-long ride is set for July 31-Aug. 7.

According to Ft. Stevenson State Park Manager Dick Messerly, one of CANDISC's organizers, over 460 have already signed up, representing 35 different states and Canadian provinces. The bike ride has even attracted international attention, with a rider from Norway signed up to ride on this year's seven-day tour. Participation is limited to 500 riders; and registrations will be accepted until that number is reached.

This year's riders will cycle the legendary Lewis and Clark Trail, covering 414 miles of hills and scenic roads in celebration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The ride will begin at Fort Stevenson State Park at Garrison, circling Lake Sakakawea, with visits to the new Missouri/Yellowstone River Confluence Interpretive Center at Ft. Buford State Historic Site; Ft. Union National Historic Site; and a 1900s-era railroad lift bridge and tunnel.

The ride will range from 44 to 69 miles per day, with overnight stays at Ft. Stevenson, Parshall, Lewis and Clark State Park, Fairview (MT), Watford City, Killdeer and Beulah. Messerly says the host communities are excited about the opportunity to showcase their towns, particularly to out-of-state riders who may have never visited North Dakota before. Messerly notes that over 60 percent of those signed up so far are from out-of-state.

Garrison Tourism, Fort Stevenson State Park and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department sponsor the seven-day bike ride. For more information write or call CANDISC, Box 515, Garrison, ND 58540, phone 800-799-4242. Information is also available on-line at www.ndparks.com/trails/candisc.htm.